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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2001

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MONSIGNOR EDWARD J. RYLE.

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1 Monsignor Edward J. Ryle passed away on December 28, 2005 after a
2 lengthy illness at the age of seventy-five.

3 An institution among people of all faiths in Arizona, Monsignor Ryle
4 dedicated his life to helping poor and disadvantaged individuals. He served
5 in various capacities after his ordination in 1956, including parish priest,
6 teacher at Catholic University's School of Social Service in Washington,
7 D.C., dean of Marywood University's Graduate School of Social Work in
8 Scranton, Pennsylvania and leader of Catholic Charities organizations in
9 Tucson and Phoenix. From 1984 until 2003, he served as Arizona's voice of
10 the poor in his efforts as executive director of the Arizona Catholic
11 Conference.

12 For nearly two decades, Monsignor Ryle worked tirelessly in lobbying
13 the Arizona Legislature to enact legislation that would benefit children,
14 poor and disabled adults and others. His advocacy efforts on behalf of
15 Arizona's less fortunate citizens earned him the respect and admiration of
16 all who had the privilege of knowing him.

17 Despite the demands of his work with the Catholic Conference, Monsignor
18 Ryle gave selflessly of his time and efforts on numerous boards and
19 committees over the years, including the governor's tax-reform committee.
20 His dedication to humanitarianism and to ministering to the downtrodden
21 earned him the 2005 Vision Award, a lifetime achievement award, from Catholic
22 Charities-USA.

23 Acting with integrity and selflessness in all he did, Monsignor Ryle
24 touched the lives of thousands of people over the decades and distinguished
25 himself as a true man of God. He will be greatly missed by his friends and
26 colleagues at the Arizona Capitol as well as the citizens of Phoenix and the
27 State of Arizona.

28 Therefore

29 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

30 That the Members of the House of Representatives express sincere regret
31 at the passing of their friend, Monsignor Edward J. Ryle, and extend their
32 deepest sympathies to his surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE JANUARY 30, 2006.

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